

Serial No. 10/729,202**Atty. Doc. No. 2001P07021WOUS****REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3-6 and 9-12 stand rejected. Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 13-15. Reconsideration of the rejections is solicited in view of the foregoing amendments.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 8 and 10-12 have been cancelled. The dependency of claims 3, 4 and 6 has been changed from claim 1 to allowed claim 13. Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing amendment be entered since such an amendment places the present application in form ready for allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that each of the claims pending in this application recites patentable subject matter and it is further submitted that such claims comply with all statutory requirements and thus each of such claims should be allowed.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any aspects of this Reply/Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

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For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that a patent for the invention as claimed in claims 3, 4, 6, 9 and 13-15 be granted. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d), or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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